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No. 130. Read the following letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Nathempatti, 25th August 1863, No. 406:—

SIR,

1. In reply to No. 1,962 of the 18th August 1862, to which my attention is called in G. O. No. 1,485, 10th June 1863, I have the honor to report that nothing has been done towards constructing a road to Travancore in the Cumbum Valley, for want of an Officer or qualified Subordinate to examine the project.

2. The track is impracticable, and I am satisfied that it is impossible to make a good road on that line, I believe it may be more easily carried about two miles further north.

3. The Travancore authorities are pushing on the road on their side, and are anxious for a determination of the point at which the ghât will arrive on the summit. Funds will also be required as there is forest and long grass on the hill side which must be removed to allow of any examination.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1863, No. 2,581.

The project referred to should not be lost sight of, but as soon as the services of a competent Officer or Subordinate are available it should be fully investigated, and a report made to Government of the practicability or otherwise of the trace marked out by Lieutenant Mead. The Government will be prepared to grant the required funds on the investigation being commenced and on information being furnished of the amount required.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Board of Revenue.

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Superintending Engr's office
8th Division
No 406 Kathempatti 25th August 1863

From

Captain R. J. Moberly R.E.
Superintending Engr 8th Dn

To

Colonel W. S. Birdwood R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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